

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Election of Species Requirement mailed on August 22, 2006.

No claims are amended, cancelled, or added. Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on **February 5, 2004 and April 29, 2005**, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, be returned with the next official communication.

Election of Species

The Election of Species Requirement indicated that election to one of the following species was required:

- I. Species I depicted in Figure 1 C, forming a conductive loop.
- II. Species II depicted in Figures 2A-B, forming a cube shape.
- III. Species III depicted in Figure 3, forming a hollow sphere.
- IV. Species IV depicted in Figure 4, having a plurality of conductive windings.
- V. Species V depicted in Figures 5A-5B, having multiple coils.

For the Election of Species requirement, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the Species of Group I depicted in Figure 1C (as identified by the Examiner) for prosecution. Applicant identifies claims 1-10, 12-20, and 22-24 as readable on the elected Species.

The Election of Species is traversed on the basis that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits. M.P.E.P. §803. Additionally, the Election

of Species is traversed on the basis that an Election of Species is optional. M.P.E.P. §806. Finally, it is submitted that Applicant should not be required to incur the additional costs associated with the filing of multiple applications in order to obtain protection for the claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election of Species is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 236-0122 to facilitate prosecution of this matter.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS AMENDMENT Commissioner of Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 11th day of September, 2006.

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